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RICE TO BE DEAN

Yale Professor Decided at Noon

Four Month Search Ends Suddenly

Hamilton College has a new Dean.

The Spectator learned this afternoon that C. Duncan Rice, associate professor of history andAmerican studies at Yale and Dean of Saybrook College, has accepted an offer to be Dean of Hamilton College.

The search began in January after the present Dean W. Lavrence Gulick announced that he would resign at the end of the academic year to return to teaching.

The final announcement has come three weeks after Rice visited the campus to meet with students, faculty and administrators. He was chosen from an initial field of 231 applicants, which was soon rounded down to two people: Rice and Earl R. MacCormac, professor of philsophy at Davidson College, North Carolina.

Frederick Wagner, Chairman of the Search Committee, when reached this afternoon, commented, "We are very enthusiastic about him. We think that he is a very bright man. We think that he was the very best person who was available. We are convinced of that."

President J. Martin Carovanosaid, "I am obviously very pleased that he has accepted the position. I am confident that he will be a very fine Dean of Hamilton College."

Rice was unavailable at presstime.

Rice, a British subject, received his M.A. with 1st Class Honours in History from the University of Aberdeen in 1964. He then entered the University of Edinburgh, where he wrote his dissertation on 'The Scottish Factor in the Fight Against American Slavery, 1833-1861.' He was awarded his Ph.D. in 1969.

Rice has received several fellowship awards, the most recent of which include the American Philosophical Society Research Grant and the Yale Senior Faculty Fellowship. He has also had numerous articles and reviews on slavery published. In addition, Rice is now in the process of finishing both a study of Anglo-American middle-class reform from 1770-1860 and a project on the response odf the Scottish Enlightenment to slavery and savagery. Both works are scheduled for completion in 1980.

His first book, *The Rise and fall of Black Slavery*, was published in 1975. Another manuscript for a book is presently under consideration.

Rice, born io 1942, is married and has one small child.

C. Duncan Rice met with students for an informal question and answer period on May 7 when he visted the campus. Exerpts follow:

On the honor code and its future at Hamilton: "Without any intended disrespect," said Rice, "I have considerable uneasiness about any honor system at all." Rice added that having "never seen such a system" he found it "hard to imagine it would work." "I'd have to see it in operation," said Rice, "before I passed any judgement."

On distribution requirements: Rice noted that "statistics show that Hamilton students characteristically study courses outside of their major." He added that highly structured curricula, such as Harvard's recently reinstituted system of distribution requirements, are often restrictive. However, Rice stated that he favored more opportunities for gifted Hamilton students to concentrate in fields of study incorporating cross-departmental enrollment. "There is a great tendency for educational institutions to lurch back and forward between a highly structured and loose curriculum," said Rice.

On the problem of inequities in the faculty profile: Rice stated that the absence of a significant amount of women and minorities on the faculty is "indeed a problem," and that there is "a need to remedy the situation." He noted, however, that Hamilton faces a number of problems in attempting to attract qualified applicants from such groups. "Most qualified women and minority applicants don't want to come to Hamilton," said Rice, "due to their suspicions about the absence of other members of their groups and the relative isolation of the campus. Quite apart from the ethical problem, it's bad marketing to be in a situation of attempting to attract qualified people to teach students who are not in a position to understand their concerns."